

The Topsham School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important: Planned Strike Action by the National Education Union

As you may be aware, the NEU teacher's union has planned a number of days of industrial action, when their members will go on strike. The industrial action that will impact schools in the South-West, is planned for the following dates:

Wednesday 1st February 2023
Thursday 2nd March 2023
Wednesday 15th March 2023
Thursday 16th March 2023.

The industrial action is being taken by members of the NEU union, because they are in dispute with the Government about teachers' pay and conditions and, following a ballot of members, have planned a number of strike days.

Some of our teachers are NEU members and they may or may not choose to take strike action, which is of course their right.

The possible outcomes of the industrial action could be:

- The school will run as normal because staff aren't striking, or we are able to arrange suitable cover.
or
- Some classes in a school might need to close because staff are striking, and we are not able to arrange suitable cover.
or
- The school may need to close to all children, because most or all the teaching staff are striking, and we are unable to safely cover their absence.



On Wednesday 1st of February, the school will run as normal as we are able to arrange suitable cover at this current time; it may be on the day this is not possible and we will contact you again, if the situation changes, which it could.

Further strikes are planned, and as soon as we are aware of the intentions of NEU members, we will put plans in place and keep you informed about how we intend to manage this.

We appreciate that these days of industrial action will be disruptive, and we will do all we can to manage the situation.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Pipe

